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Rep. Considine Responds to Disappointing Long-Term Care Measures in Budget

Madison—Today, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement in response to the Joint Finance Committee’s recent actions on long-term care in the state budget:

“I am extremely disappointed in the plan my Republican colleagues on Joint Finance have chosen to push through. Since February, I have listened to countless neighbors and friends across the 81st District who had one simple request: *leave long-term care alone*. I had sincerely hoped my colleagues would have listened to their constituents, instead of effectively ending IRIS and Family Care as we know them.

“This provision will only make unwanted changes to what is already an excellent, cost-effective program. It also takes away virtually any remaining amount of local control and personal contact, both of which are critical parts of a successful care program for our elderly citizens and those with disabilities.

“As Joint Finance works today to finish its deliberations on the budget bill, I look forward to discussing these issues further with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. If we listen to the input we have heard across the state, I am confident we can find solutions to make this budget work for all Wisconsinites.”

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